## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

BERNARD FIDEL, et al., On Behalf of	) Lead Case No. C-1-00-320
Themselves and All Others Similarly Situated,	) (Consolidated with No. C-1-00-349)
Plaintiffs,	) Judge Herman J. Weber
VS.	) )
AK STEEL HOLDING CORPORATION, et al.,	) JOINT STATUS REPORT )
Defendants.	) )
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The parties in the above-captioned action hereby submit this joint status report in accordance with the Court's Order of January 12, 2004. The parties have reached a settlement in this matter reflected in a written memorandum of understanding approved by all parties in this action. The parties are in the process of further documenting this settlement in a formal Stipulation of Settlement including Notice to the Class and a Proof of Claim that the parties expect to present to the Court for its consideration and approval on or before March 26, 2004. Respectfully submitted,

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